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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM SENT INFO LUSAKA, DAR ES SALAAM,
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SUBJECT: BRITISH TO SEND TEAM TO KAMPALA FOR COMPENSA-
TION NEGOTIATIONS

REF: LONDON 9895

1. ACTING HEAD OF EAST AFRICAN DEPARTMENT AT FCO,
NIELSON, TOLD EMBOFF ON AUGUST 19 THAT BRITISH WERE NOW
PREPARING TO SEND TEAM OF WORKING-LEVEL OFFICIALS TO
KAMPALA TO DISCUSS COMPENSATION OF BRITISH-OWNED PROP-
ERTIES SEIZED BY AMIN GOVERNMENT. TEAM WOULD LIKE TO
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LEAVE FOR KAMPALA ON AUGUST 23, BUT ARE STILL AWAITING

UGANDAN ACCEPTANCE OF THIS DATE.

2. FCO PREPARING BRIEF FOR TEAM, WHICH NIELSON SAID WAS PURELY EXPLORATORY DESIGNED TO "LOOK, LISTEN AND REPORT." HMG NOT READY TO NEGOTIATE FOR FINAL COMPENSATION, WHICH WILL HOPEFULLY BE LEFT TO INDIVIDUAL CLAIMANTS TO DO. FOREIGN OFFICE TEAM HOPING TO FIND OUT HOW COMPENSATION WILL BE PAID, HOW ANY MONEY PAID CAN BE TRANSFERRED AND SIMILAR PRACTICAL INFORMATION. AT SAME TIME THEY HOPE TO INFORM UGANDANS THAT WHILE BRITISH REALIZE UGANDA IS NOT READY TO PAY COMPENSATION FOR PROPERTY OF BRITISH ASIANS, THEY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT IS GETTING ON WITH THEIR EVALUATION OF THESE PROPERTIES AND WHEN THEY WILL BE READY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

3. TEAM MEMBERS NOT FINALLY DECIDED YET, BUT NIELSON EXPECTS THAT HE WILL BE ONE.
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